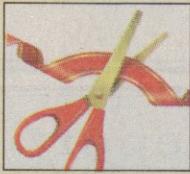


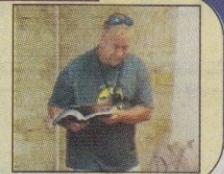
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## Coffee County BOE names four finalists to be interviewed for superintendent job

Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, June 24th

In a called meeting held Tuesday evening, June 15, the Coffee County Board of Education announced four finalists in the ongoing superintendent search for Coffee County Schools.

The candidates to be interviewed for the job include: Dr. Adam B. Clemons, Piedmont City Schools; Kelly Cobb, Coffee County Schools; Thomas "Gray" Harrison, Coffee County Schools, and Jeff Jones, Guntersville City Schools.

While Cobb and Harrison are both already employed by the Coffee County School System, both Clemons and Jones are employed with north Alabama school systems. Currently, Dr. Clemons currently is principal at Piedmont High School in Piedmont, Ala.; Cobb is the Federal Programs/Curriculum/Accountability Coordinator for Coffee County Schools; Harrison is the Career Technical Education

Bequeathed from the Catherine Brunson Luening Estate

## Reception set for Saturday to recognize monetary donations made to library and cemetery in Elba

The City of Elba will host a reception Saturday, June 26, at 1 p.m., to recognize the generous bequests from the late Catherine Brunson Luening to both the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery.

Members of Luening's family from Connecticut and Mississippi will be in attendance along with the administrator of her estate.

Luening was born in Samson and raised in Elba by her parents, Leola Johnson and John Franklin Brunson Jr. She attended Judson College and moved to New York City in 1944. She met her husband, renowned flutist, composer and electronic music pioneer Otto Luening at Columbia University,



the late Catherine Brunson Luening

and they were married in 1959 at her parents' home in Elba.

In 1963 Mrs. Luening began her career as music teacher at the Spence School in Manhattan, founding the

instrumental music department. She continued to lead that program and teach piano for 55 years until she retired in 2018 at age 96.

Following her death in February 2021, the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery received notification they were beneficiaries of gifts of over \$400,000 each from Mrs. Luening's estate.

The reception this Saturday in Elba will be attended by Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and members of the Elba City Council, along with members of the Evergreen Cemetery Board and the Elba Public Library Board. The reception is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

## Elba Police arrest two out-of-town suspects on multiple drug charges

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police arrested two people on multiple drug and other charges in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 20th.

Lucy Smith, age 31, of Montgomery, Ala., was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 2:43 a.m. early Sunday morning, and Aaron Vinson, age 27, of Opelika, Ala., was booked into the jail at 2:44 a.m. Sunday morning.

Elba Police charged each suspect with the following crimes: three counts of possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond each],



Vinson



Smith

## Coffee County awarded funds for emergency operations center

Governor Kay Ivey last week awarded a total of \$2.6 million to six Alabama counties to help them overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. Coffee County was named as one of the recipients.

Coffee County was awarded \$500,000 to construct an emergency operations center.

"It is imperative for our own safety and welfare and

for the sake of the economy that we put COVID-19 behind us and get on with our lives," Gov. Ivey said.

"I am hopeful these funds will be beneficial in assisting these counties to help their residents as we continue to take great steps to overcome the pandemic."

The funds were made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and can be used to support COVID-19 testing and vaccinations; rental, mortgage and utility assistance; assistance to food banks and pantries; job creation and business assistance and related projects to provide pandemic relief.

Alabama counties and entitlement communities receiving the CDBG-COVID funds were required to make an application with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

All four two-man teams for the Zion Chapel Bass Team completed earlier this month in the state championship fishing tournament held at Weiss Lake. ZCBT members include (from left): Ethan Young, Austin Johns, Trevor Lee, Kaleb DeVos, Avery Padgett, Peyton Fitzgerald, Jackson Dowdy, and Kevin Dowdy.

Team Padgett/Young qualifies for Nationals in July

## ZCBT members compete in state championships

The Zion Chapel Bass Team [ZCBT] finished volume two of the team's fishing history.

All teams qualified to fish in the state championship tournament held June 11 and 12, 2021, at Weiss Lake. The state championship tournament is made up of the top finishes in the Tiger Division (south Alabama) and the Tide Division (north Alabama).

A total of 207 teams participated in the competition. This was a case of fishing with Alabama's best young anglers.

Once again, the ZCBT was fishing uncharted waters. For this reason, the team members traveled to north Alabama earlier in the week to get in some practice fishing.

Weiss Lake, a lake in northeastern Alabama, is owned and operated by the Alabama Power Company. It consists of 30,200 acres coming from the Coosa



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young (center), placed fifth at the state championship tourney and qualified for Nationals. They are pictured with affiliates of BASS Nation who awarded \$27,000 in scholarships at this tournament.

River, Chattooga River, and Little River. It offers 447 miles of shoreline, shallow flats, large coves, underwater drop-offs, and deep channels. The lake is partially located in Cherokee County, Alabama, and Floyd County, Georgia.

The team Peyton Fitzgerald/Jackson Dowdy caught four fish on the first day

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## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS OPEN!** Anyone age 60 and over is invited to come join the center for food, fun, and more. Call (334) 897-3019 to sign up.

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Crews from the electric, sewer, water, and street departments will be on call in case any customers experience utility emergencies. To report any utility emergency during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule on this date.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."* – Thomas Jefferson

'Obamacare' survives again: the Supreme Court dismissed another big challenge last week. The justices, by a 7-2 vote, left the entire Affordable Care Act intact in ruling that Texas, other GOP-led states and two individuals had no right to bring their lawsuit in federal court. The law's now-toothless requirement that people have health insurance or pay a penalty was the basis for this latest challenge. Congress rendered that provision irrelevant in 2017 when it reduced the penalty to zero. Recent data released on the national level indicates that Obamacare is more popular than ever with enrollment numbers reaching historic numbers during the recent pandemic. We can expect more court cases on this in coming years, as this recent ruling was on a very, very narrow technical point.

Saturday was the day set aside to commemorate Juneteenth. Even before the U. S. Congress made it an official federal holiday earlier this month, Elba folks had detailed plans for a grand celebration of the day, with speakers, food, etc. Well the rains that accompanied the tropical storm that came in about New Orleans and moved on up the country spilled rain on the planned event. Naturally all the events were planned in the open air Mulberry Heights park, postponements dampened the first 'official' Juneteenth in Elba. However the free meals went on, with the cooks operating their grills underneath tents and burgers and other great foods were available to all who dared to confront the weather. We have not heard exactly when the delayed events will be held, but stay tuned!

Alabama's seat at the table in the pioneering of space exploration appears to be getting more important as an airport in the Huntsville area is being considered as a landing pad for returning commercial space craft. Right now the plan's proposal is under the microscope of the FAA. Nothing can move forward until the proposal either is approved, modified or nixed by these folks.

Thomas Jefferson is probably our favorite, for sure ONE of our favorite, members of the founders of our great country. It doesn't hurt that he had some strong things to say in favor of having a free press. In fact he wrote so many profound statements about freedom and citizenship that whole books have been written from his papers. We have a new book about him "In the Hands of the People" edited by one of our favorite historians, Jon Meacham. Just the introduction is loaded with so many profound quotes from his papers that it would be almost impossible to pick the best one(s) to repeat. However, Jefferson apparently had ideas that are not accepted by the masses today which causes some folks to be hesitant to embrace him. He owned slaves yet wrote that we are all 'created equal'. Also he was often quoted by leading civil rights figures, including Frederick Douglas and Martin Luther King Jr. He also apparently accepted the popular notion of that era that a woman's place was in the home raising the children . . . at least he never wrote anything supporting a woman's rights. In spite of all those HUGE negatives, the Jeffersonian principal has ever so slowly guided America's acceptance of equal rights for major and minor segments of society.

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**Elba Police Report**

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 15, 2021, and Monday, June 21, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, June 15** – Assault reported at 1710 Jones St (3:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 375 Hwy 203 (7:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1143 Martin Luther King Dr (7:43 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 375 Hwy 203 (10:48 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1577 Powell Circle (1:33 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Reese Ave (5:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (7:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:04 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 440 Reese Ave – assistance rendered (9:45 p.m.); Harassment reported at 715 Troy Hwy (11:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 714 Troy Hwy (11:31 p.m.). There were 15 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in eight citations, six written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Wednesday, June 16** – Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (1:03 a.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (3:42 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:14 a.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported at County Rd 501 and Hwy 84 (7:50 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 876 Cedar Lane Dr (8:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Reynolds St and Martin Luther King Dr (8:53 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (10:26 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 402 Collier St (1:04 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at Buford St and Court St (1:24 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Neil Grantham Dr (2:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 614 Reynolds Ave – assistance rendered (2:38 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 21 Martin Luther King Dr (3:57 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 992 Hwy 203 (7:12 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 312 Claxton

ave (8:32 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Tiger Dr (9:05 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations and one written warning.

**Thursday, June 17** – Prowler reported on Neil Grantham Dr (12:08 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (2:56 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 375 Hwy 203 (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Old Samson Rd – animal impound (11:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Factory Ave (12:51 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 529 Claxton Ave (2:21 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 388 County Rd 263 (2:39 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations, three written warnings, two verbal warnings, and two verbal warnings.

**Friday, June 18** – Structure fire reported at 1110 Caroline St (6:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1285 Ann St (9:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 828 Davis St E – ani-

mal impound (9:34 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (8:32 p.m.). There were eight traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, three written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

**Saturday, June 19** – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 S (3:06 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Herman Driggers Dr (2:35 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 125 (4:59 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 59 County Rd 420 (6:53 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 856 Herman Driggers Dr (7:35 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1235 Claxton Ave N (8:22 p.m.); Report of shots fired in Zone 1 (10:48 p.m.). There were 15 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in 11 citations, two written warnings, and two verbal warnings, and two verbal warnings.

**Sunday, June 20** – Person down for unknown reason reported at 1339 Reese Ave (6:15 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1415 Jones St (10:34 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 600 Kendrick St (11:34 a.m.); Assist other agency at 115 Johnson St – an arrest was made (5:48 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 44 County Rd 453 (6:12 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, three written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

**Monday, June 21** – Livestock in the roadway reported at 1050 Teresa St (8:42 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (2:05 p.m.); Fight reported at 1584 Caroline St (5:58 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 1584 Caroline St (6:40 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:22 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (9:47 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 221 Davis St E (9:59 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in citations.

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Team Kaleb DeVos/Kevin Dowdy caught three fish the first day weighing 6.98 pounds. On day two, they caught one fish weighing 2.10 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 9.08 pounds. They finished in 94th place.

Team Trevor Lee/Austin Johns caught a limit of five fish on the first day weighing 10.01 pounds. On day two, they caught three fish weighing 4.59 pounds. They finished in 46th place.

Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young caught a limit of five fish the first day weighing 12.05 pounds. On day two, they caught another limit of five fish weighing 11.35 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 23.40 pounds. They finished fifth place, which qualified this team for the BASSMASTER High School National Championship on Lake Chickamauga, Dayton, Tennessee.

The ZCBT finished third place in the six-man team competition out of 18 teams. Headland Bass Team placed first, and Citronelle Community Fishing Team placed second.

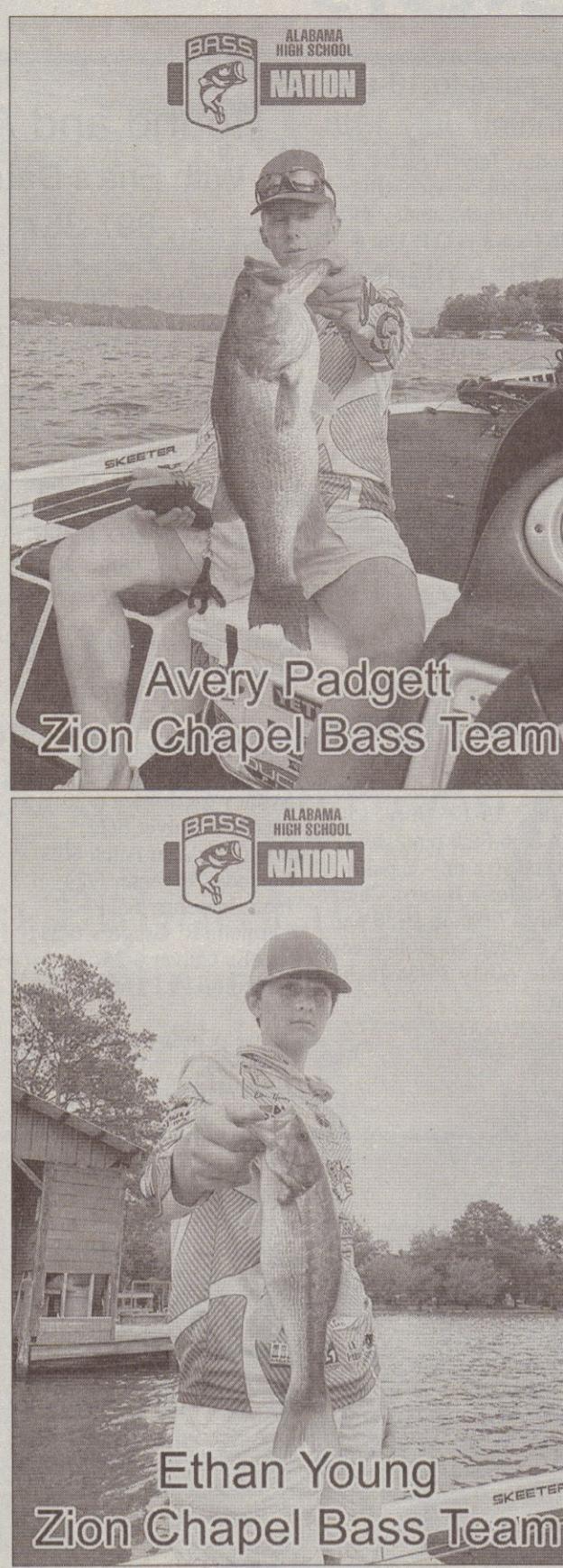
Avery Padgett and Ethan Young will fish the National Championship Tournament July 29-31, 2021. The other three teams still have an opportunity to qualify for NATIONALS. They fish an open tournament for BASSMASTER High School on Lay Lake this Saturday, June 26.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team is thankful for all their sponsors, community support, and boat captains. They are also deeply grateful for the dedication and work of Dana Stinson Hale and Larry Campbell, president and vice-president of this organization, for doing

## CC BOE

rent superintendent Kevin Killingsworth.

Regarding certificated personnel, the board voted



Avery Padgett  
Zion Chapel Bass Team  
Ethan Young  
Zion Chapel Bass Team

the groundwork to establish this team and continue working tirelessly to keep this team in the water and setting records.

Without the help of so many people the ZCBT

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to employ Amy Woodham as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the upcoming school year. Also,

the board voted to employ Hannah Bednar as an ESL teacher for New Brockton Elementary school for the upcoming school year.

The board accepted two teacher resignations.

Anna Laura Kirchharr - teacher at Zion Chapel High School resigned. [It was noted that Kirchharr withdrew her acceptance of the teacher position, which had previously been approved, for the upcoming school year].

Also, Travis Adams resigned his position as band director at Kinston School. His resignation was effective June 21, 2021.

Regarding classified personnel, the board approved the employment of Debbie Bond as bookkeeper at New Brockton High School, effective for the upcoming school year.

At a point where she could indeed go "check it" Lou Lou went to the couch, took her shoe and sock off only to find a good 'ole blister right there on top her foot where the water had burned her! She proceeded to tell Sister of the finding, and this was Sister's response:

"Because my foot is burning, and it hurts!" Lou Lou exclaimed.

Again in her ever-calm [quite frustrating to Lou Lou] voice, Sister said, "You need to go check it then."

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"Really? Goodness. You need to put something on that. See...this is why you need to quit being so dramatic all the time. We never really know if you are truly hurt or just over-reacting."

Lou Lou's response is best kept a secret! To say the least, she was not very happy with Sister at that particular moment!

Good news, however, Lou Lou was able to place a band-aid over the burn spot the next morning and get her shoes on without too much pain...no thanks to Sister's help though! Again, Sister needs to improve her bedside manner!

The ever-calm Sister looked up from whatever it was she was doing at the table and asked, "What is wrong with you?"

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Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### WILLIE DORSEY SMITH

Mr. Willie Dorsey Smith, age 79, died Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Dorsey was born Feb. 7, 1942, to John Willie Smith and Mozell Carpenter Smith. He accepted Jesus as his Savior early in life and his faith never wavered during his many illnesses.

Dorsey was educated in Coffee County, Ala., and he graduated high school in Elba, Ala., where he excelled in sports. He served his country during the Vietnam War and received recognition as an Expert Marksman. Dorsey moved to the state of Maine for many years. After which, he returned to Alabama. He retired from Belk Inc. after 36 years of service.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Word of Faith Christian Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., with Pastor Jessie Leonard officiating. His eulogy was given by Pastor Mose Hill, Word of Truth Ministries.

Dorsey was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Rosa Bell Carpenter; father, John Willie Smith; mother, Mozell McCormick; brothers, Ronald Smith, Johnny Scott; and sisters, Retha Scott Waters and Edna Scott Brown.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years: Constance Smith; daughter: Taesh (Eric, Sr.) Marable; son: Jose Tillis; sisters: Delores (A. D.) Flowers, Caroline (Foy) Barge, Erma (Doug) McNeal, Ruthie (Peter) Morrisett; brothers: John Wesley (Pearl) Scott; aunt: Mary Helen (Tommy) Robinson; sister-in-law: Alice (Hamilton) Lee; brothers-in-law: Roderick (Shelia) Everette, Gerry (Valencia) Pollard, Alfred Bryant, Courtney (Shawn) Pollard; grandchildren and one great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dedicated friends from both Birmingham and Elba.

Anna Laura Kirchharr - teacher at Zion Chapel High School resigned. [It was noted that Kirchharr withdrew her acceptance of the teacher position, which had previously been approved, for the upcoming school year].

Also, Travis Adams resigned his position as band director at Kinston School. His resignation was effective June 21, 2021.

Regarding classified personnel, the board approved the employment of Debbie Bond as bookkeeper at New Brockton High School, effective for the upcoming school year.

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"Because my foot is burning, and it hurts!" Lou Lou exclaimed.

Again in her ever-calm [quite frustrating to Lou Lou] voice, Sister said, "You need to go check it then."

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"Really? Goodness. You need to put something on that. See...this is why you need to quit being so dramatic all the time. We never really know if you are truly hurt or just over-reacting."

Lou Lou's response is best kept a secret! To say the least, she was not very happy with Sister at that particular moment!

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Team Kaleb DeVos/Kevin Dowdy caught three fish the first day weighing 6.98 pounds. On day two, they caught one fish weighing 2.10 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 9.08 pounds. They finished in 94th place.

Team Trevor Lee/Austin Johns caught a limit of five fish on the first day weighing 10.01 pounds. On day two, they caught three fish weighing 4.59 pounds. They finished in 46th place.

Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young caught a limit of five fish the first day weighing 12.05 pounds. On day two, they caught another limit of five fish weighing 11.35 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 23.40 pounds. They finished fifth place, which qualified this team for the BASSMASTER High School National Championship on Lake Chickamauga, Dayton, Tennessee.

The ZCBT finished third place in the six-man team competition out of 18 teams. Headland Bass Team placed first, and Citronelle Community Fishing Team placed second.

Avery Padgett and Ethan Young will fish the National Championship Tournament July 29-31, 2021. The other three teams still have an opportunity to qualify for NATIONALS. They fish an open tournament for BASSMASTER High School on Lay Lake this Saturday, June 26.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team is thankful for all their sponsors, community support, and boat captains. They are also deeply grateful for the dedication and work of Dana Stinson Hale and Larry Campbell, president and vice-president of this organization, for doing

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## CHURCH NEWS

### PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jeremie Turner, Pastor

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
720 E Davis Street, Elba, AL

"Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me." Psalm 3:1-4 (KJV)

David, in this Psalm, has had trouble out of his son Absalom. Out of all people to backstab David, we would not think that trouble would come from his own child. David's trouble got so bad that in Psalm 55:6-7 he writes, "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness." I would to tell David today: David, don't fly, for there is no rest in the wilderness.

Absalom, David's son, tried to pit the people against his father and attempted to take his throne. His methods were ungodly and because of that it would not work. He would stand at the gate of the city and attempt to be underhanded. When we find ourselves in the shoes of the great king David we should not be surprised when others attempt to destroy us as well. Many who envy us on our jobs, in our communities, and even in our churches will do whatever they can to dethrone us – even by assassinating our character. However, whatever God has for us, we can be assured that it is for us!

When we look at these four verses of this third Psalm we see that Absalom is not alone in the pursuit of David. He has been successful in assembling others together to join in with him to try to destroy his father. Truly, David loved Absalom as any father would – he fed Absalom, clothed him, and provided for him – yet the son still turned on the father. This situation caused David to take his case to God in prayer and he gives us an example today as well. When our problem is too big for us we must be assured that it is minuscule in comparison to the greatness of God. Perhaps you may be dealing with your own "Absalom experience" today; find comfort in believing that God knows.

For David, as well as many, this problem caused him some sleepless nights. However, because he was God's child he lives to write about the victory of this experience. He employs descriptive language three times to tell us what God became for him – a shield, his glory, and the lifter. May David's descriptive language become yours in your own "Absalom experience." When others count you out and think that it's over for you, God will be your help. But not only will God be your help – you, too, will live to tell about it.

\*\* Rev. Jeremie Turner of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been the author of the Pastor's Corner this month. In July, we will hear from Rev. Steve Reneau of Elba United Methodist Church.

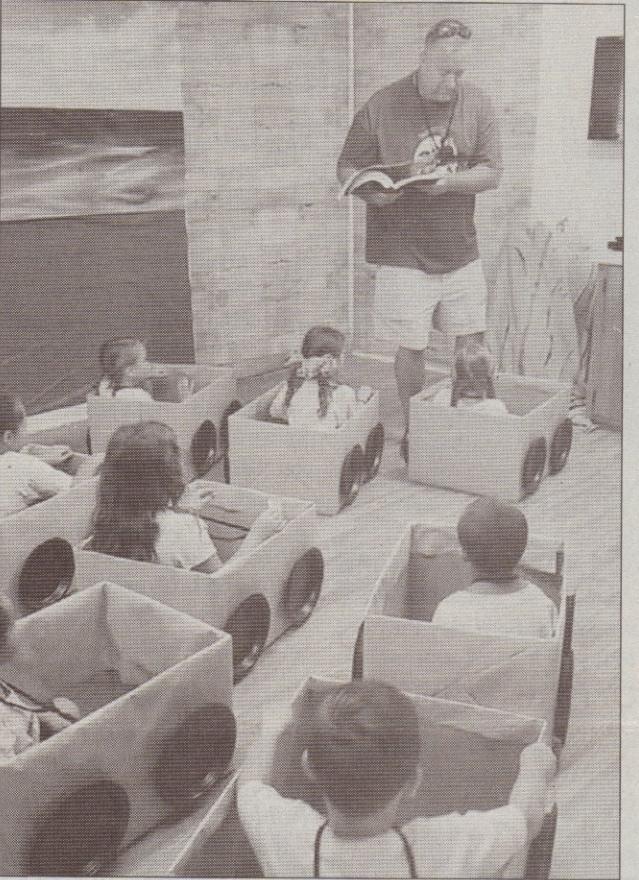
### Elba Farmers Market

Saturdays in June & July

downtown next to  
Tiger Town Park  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.



ELBA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Basin Baptist Church held its Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School last week, and 35-40 children learned about trusting Jesus each night. Above, Josh Mack is shown teaching the Pre-K and Kindergarten class one evening while the youngsters sat in their 'railway cars'.

### Church Directory

**IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN**

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study ..... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship ..... 9:45 a.m.

Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ...

..... 6:30 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 3:00 p.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

EVANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Mee ... 6:15 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION

Jeremie Turner, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Study ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OF GOD

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA HILL ASSEMBLY

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

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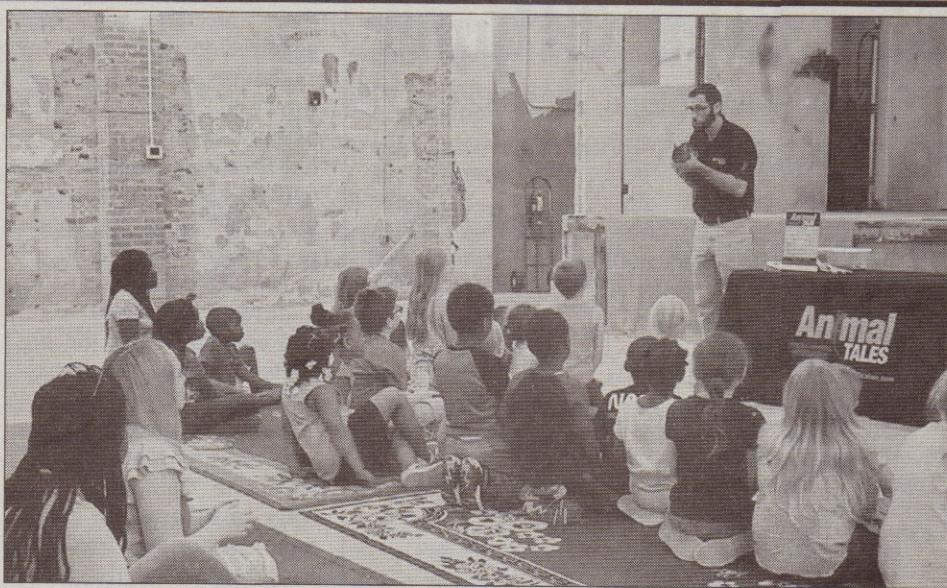
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ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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## LIFESTYLES

Please join us for a Reception in recognition of the generous bequests from Catherine Brunson Luening to Evergreen Cemetery and the Elba Public Library Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 1:00 in the afternoon Elba Public Library 406 Simmons Street Elba, Alabama



Animal Tales programs visited with children enrolled in the Elba Public Library's Tails and Tales summer learning program last Thursday at the Elba Theatre. The children enjoyed seeing and learning about a variety of animal friends from around the world.

#### Animal Tales visits Elba for edZoocation program as part of Elba Public Library summer learning program

Animal Tales programs providing edZoocation visited last Thursday afternoon, June 17, with children enrolled in the Summer Learning Program at the Elba Public Library.

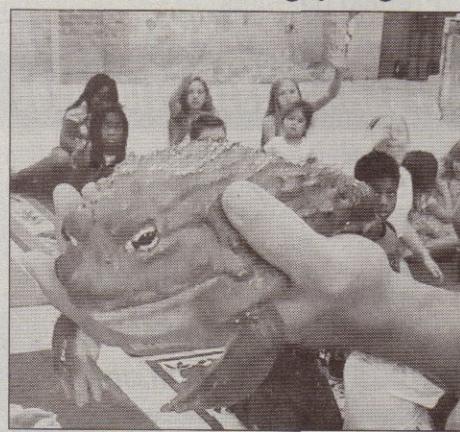
Animal Tales Southeast is a live animal education company that provides safe and entertaining programs for all ages. The company is based out of Pensacola, Fla.

"John from Animal Tales brought several animal friends from all over the world with him," said Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong.

The group utilized the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba for the entertaining and educational program.

Amlong said John shared with the children an emperor scorpion, a long-tailed chinchilla, a giant African bullfrog, an Argentine black and white tegu, a von der decken hornbill, and a hog island boa.

"We learned about these animals and



how they use their tails," she said. "The kids loved all of the animals, but I do think the African bullfrog and the hog island boa got the most ooos and ahhhhs!"

Amlong invited all to come visit the Elba Public Library. She said there is something for all at the library.

"You never know what will be going on," Amlong added.

This Thursday, June 24, LEW-E the Clown will visit with those involved in the library's Tails and Tales summer learning program. This adventure will begin at 4 p.m. at the Elba Theatre.

ATTEND  
THE CHURCH  
OF YOUR  
CHOICE THIS  
SUNDAY!!



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and his wife, Alice, are pictured with members of the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition last Saturday, June 19, in Elba.

#### First Juneteenth Celebration held in Elba

Rainy weather altered the first Juneteenth Celebration last Saturday, June 19, in Elba; but it did not dampen the spirits of those attending the celebration.

"Our desire was to see our community working together to build something bigger than us," said Elba District One Councilman Johnathan Lockett. "Despite the inclement weather we forged a plan so that we wouldn't have to completely cancel this historical event for the City of Elba and Mulberry Heights!"

Councilman Lockett also serves as an advisory board member for the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition, which sponsored the first Juneteenth Celebration for Elba.

He said this celebration was not an idea of one, but instead, it was a vision of many for Elba.

"Several people had this same vision and by working together we made it happen!" Lockett said.

While there may not have been many fun games outside last Saturday due to the rainy weather, the first Juneteenth event in Elba still included lots of



Miss Juneteenth Jasmine Magwood with members of the Rodgers family after presentation of the Dedicated Service Award remembering Rev. Jonas Rodgers.

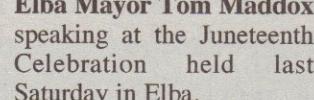


Rev. Jonas Rodgers  
Time will never erase  
the work you accomplished  
here and the lives you so  
positively affected.

Mulberry Heights  
Community Coalition

As for the 2021 Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Jasmine Magwood was crowned the queen of the event.

Councilman Lockett said he could not thank those who worked on this event enough. He also thanked Mayor Tom Maddox and his fellow city council members for their support of this new community event.



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox speaking at the Juneteenth Celebration held last Saturday in Elba.

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Petite Miss City of Elba Ella Newby assisted with the crowning of Miss Juneteenth Jasmine Magwood.

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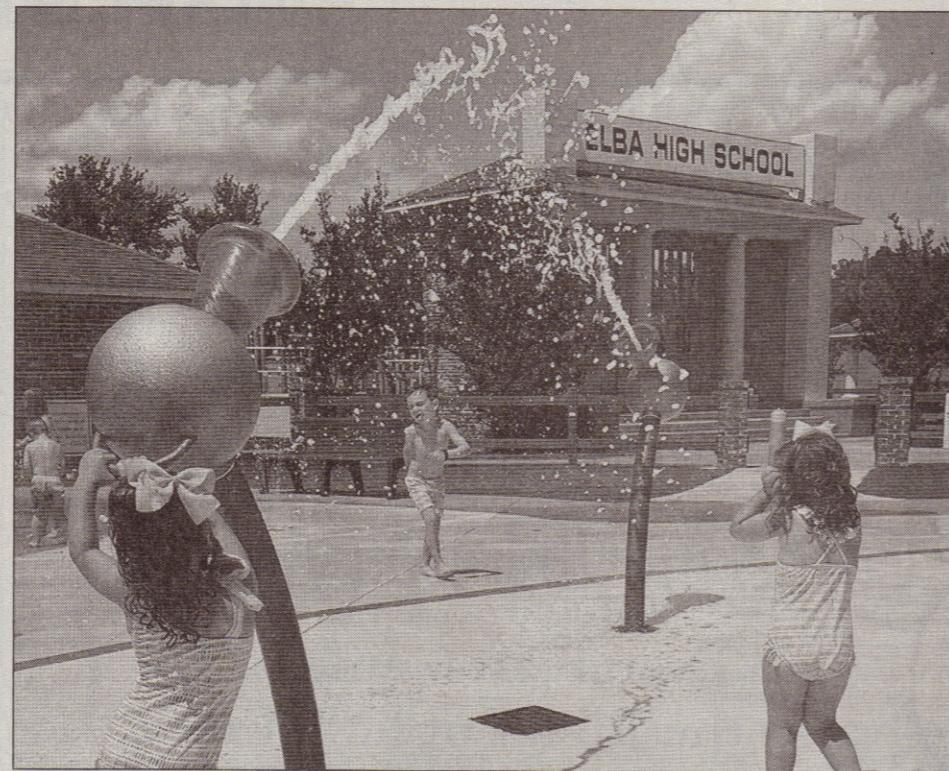
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## THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

## Let Freedom Ring set for Saturday, July 3, in Elba



The Elba Splash Pad will be open Saturday, July 3, for the Let Freedom Ring event in Elba! The water venue usually closes at dusk, but will remain open for the July 3rd even night. Above, the Fox family children enjoy a day at the Elba Splash Pad. They are twins Camille and Georgia and their older brother Grant! They said they love the Elba Splash Pad!! Regular hours for the Elba Splash Pad are every Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. until dark. The Splash Pad is closed on Mondays for cleaning and routine maintenance.

Cadie's singing career began when she was just 10-years-old singing in the choir at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. She credits her musical talents to the strong faith and extensive support from her family.

Cadie has toured with John Stone known for "Momma and Budweiser", "Shame on Me" and "We All Feel the Pain" and Craig Morgan known for "That's What I Love About Sundays", "Redneck Yacht Club" and "International Harvester". After teaming up with Grammy nominated producer engineer Aaron Rodgers, the Cadie Calhoun Band was later formed.

Cadie currently resides in Nashville, Tenn., where she is a member of the Brentwood Baptist Choir. The last few years of her career have been dedicated to writing and producing her latest album.

To learn more about Cadie Calhoun and her music, visit her website at [www.cadiecalhoun.com](http://www.cadiecalhoun.com) or check out her page on Facebook @cadiecalhounmusic.

Cadie and her full band are scheduled to perform July 3rd in Elba, according to her tour schedule.

The Elba concert will begin around 7 p.m. and continue until around 8:45 p.m. Immediately following Cadie's performance in Elba the annual fireworks display created by Elba native Mike Holderfield will light up the sky to the sounds of patriotic music.

Throughout the evening, as Cadie Calhoun performs and before the fireworks, there also will be plenty of other activities going

on around the downtown square in Elba for all to enjoy, including fun activities for children. Also, the Elba Splash Pad, located at TigerTown Park, will be open throughout the evening as part of the Let Freedom Ring celebration in Elba.

Williams said the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 would have free watermelon for all to enjoy during the event and she said the always popular watermelon eating contest would return.

**Multi-vehicle crash in Butler County, Alabama claims 10 lives last weekend**

**BUTLER COUNTY**

A multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 65 in Butler County has claimed the life of 10 individuals, including nine children.

Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division were notified at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, of a multi-vehicle crash on I-65 northbound at the 138 mile marker. Once on scene, ALEA Troopers discovered a total of 17 vehicles, including two commercial vehicles, were involved in the crash; seven of the 17 vehicles were ablaze. As a result of the crash, Cody Fox, 29, of New Hope, Tenn., and his 9-month-old daughter, also of New Hope, Tenn., were pronounced deceased at the scene. Fatalities also include a 3-year-old, 8-year-old, 12-year-old, 14-year-old, 15-year-old, two 16-year-olds and a 17-year-old. All of the juveniles were from Alabama and were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Nothing further is available as ALEA Troopers, along with investigators from the National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB), continue to investigate.

"After only having the fireworks last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are so happy to bring our full Let Freedom Ring event back again this year," Williams said. "It should be a great day and night to be in Elba, Alabama. So, mark those calendars now."

Williams said the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 would have free watermelon for all to enjoy during the event and she said the always popular watermelon eating contest would return.

For more information, contact Sandy Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125 or email [elbachamber@troycable.net](mailto:elbachamber@troycable.net)

## LBWCC announces Spring 2021 honor students for local area

LBW Community College recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

Local students named to the President's List for Spring 2021 included:

**Brantley:** William Blake Carlisle, Anna Katherine Kimbro, Janessa Chantae King, Clayton Neil Legg  
**Elba:** Jordan Rashelle Hall, Jeremy Blayne Moore  
**Kinston:** Ashton Delayne Clark, Jeb Scott Crosby, Christie Ann Farris, David William Rhodes

LBW Community College recognizes academic excellence of students named to the Dean's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a 3.5-3.99 grade point average.

Local students named to the Dean's List for Spring 2021 included:

**Brantley:** Shelby Paige Carpenter  
**Elba:** Levi Jaadee Carmley  
**Kinston:** Haley Michelle Collins, Matthew Sean Davis, Amber Nicole House, Zachary Slade Jacobs, Courtney Morgan Lunsford

## PUBLIC NOTICES:

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## IN THE MATTER OF MARY FRANCES FLOWERS, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC 2021-041

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Janet Grissett on the 3rd day of June 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 3rd day of June 2021.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORIS THOMAS Deceased

All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named contractor and the General Manager of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Elba, AL.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE MARLER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Rita Tanner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Marler, deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Rita Tanner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Marler, deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

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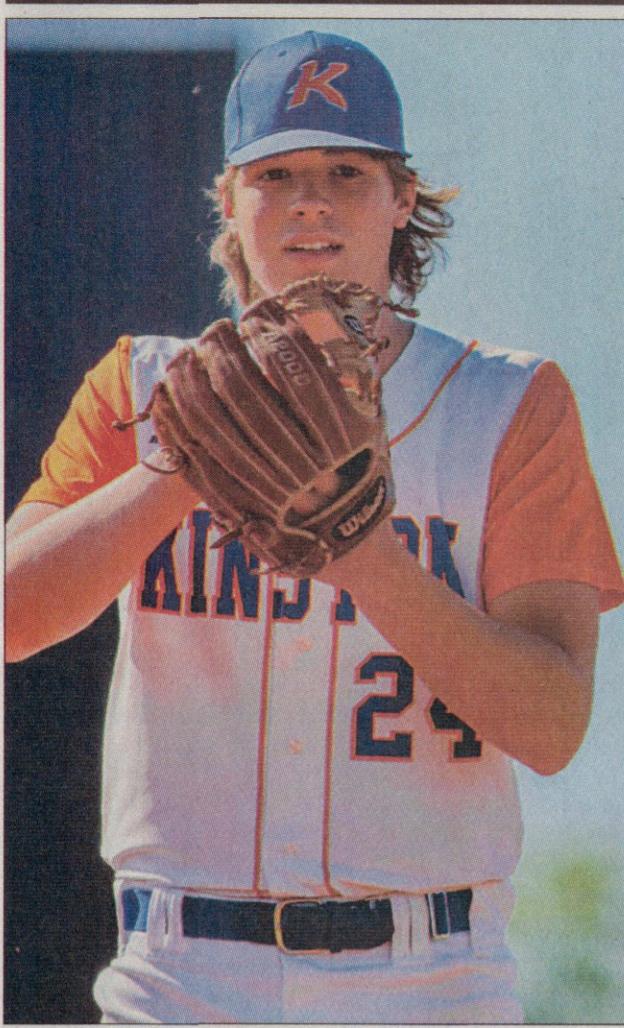
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Judge of Probate

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## SPORTS NEWS



CALE SUMBLIN - KINSTON

### Wilson, Sumblin receive HM

### Super 12 prep baseball team announced

The *Dothan Eagle* announced its annual 'Super 12' high school baseball selections last weekend and it was a senior laden group as the honored list included 10 seniors and two juniors.

Chase Allsup, of Dothan High, was named the 'Player of the Year,' while garnering 'Coach of the Year' honors was G.W. Long's Drew Miller.

Elba's John Martin Wilson received Honorable Mention. Wilson, a senior, played in 20 games during the season and excelled both at the plate and on the mound. At the plate, Wilson batted .525 as he collected 29 hits in 67 at-bats, knocked in 16 runs and scored 25 runs, while on the mound he pitched a total of 28 innings, posted a 2-3 record, and had a 4.50 earned run average.

Kinston's Cale Sumblin, a sophomore, received Honorable Mention. Sumblin played in 24 games for the area champion Bulldogs, batted .299 with 23 hits in 77 trips to the plate, recorded 5 doubles, collected 15 rbi's and scored 11 runs. On the mound, the hard throwing right-hander pitched 50 and two-thirds innings, recorded a 1.105 earned run average, allowed only 27 hits and struck out 81 batters while walking only 17.

The 'Super 12' lineup included: Chase Allsup, Dothan, senior, p/of; Te'Relle George-Mills, Dothan, senior, ss/p; Parker Sessions, Enterprise, senior, ss; Hess Horne, Eufaula, senior, ss/p; Joe Watkins, Rehobeth, senior, ss; Bryce Cunningham, Headland, senior, p; Braydon Harvin, Houston Academy, senior, p/of; Jake Smith, Providence Christian, senior, ss/p; Nash Evans, Ariton, senior, p; Carson Dunlap, G.W. Long, senior, 3b/p/1b; Trevor Morris, G.W. Long, junior, ss; and, drew Nelson, Pike Liberal Arts, junior, p/rf.

High school players that received 'Honorable Mention' included; Jack Williams, Enterprise; Ethan Black, Eufaula; Slade Seaborn, Eufaula; Zach Chandler, Rehobeth; Zach Hannah, Rehobeth; Tanner Wells, Rehobeth; Nick Cogman, Dale County; Sheldon Ott, Houston Academy; Tucker Jackson, Houston Academy; Abe Chancellor, Providence Christian; Harrison Mims, Providence Christian; Zeke Kelley, Wicksburg; Jackson Glover, Wicksburg; Blake Sause, Goshen; Ethan Cox, Opp; Tanner Burlison, Opp; Anthony Anderson, Cottonwood; Landon Thrash, Ariton; Landon Tyler, Ariton; Jackson Chancey, G.W. Long; Blayne McDaniel, G.W. Long; Levi Sikes, Pike Liberal Arts; Mayes White, Pike Liberal Arts; Ryan Ledford, Abbeville Christian.

### AHSAA makes staff changes

Several AHSAA Executive Staff members will be taking on new responsibilities, announced Alvin Briggs, who will take over as Executive Director for the Alabama Athletic Association beginning July 1.

Briggs announced that current Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association Director Jamie Lee will be moving into a new role for the AHSAA to include working with all championship sports, corporate partners and managing all contracts. Replacing Lee as the AHSADCA Director is Brandon Dean, who has been serving as assistant director for the past three years.

Anglers will compete in 30 regular fish categories as well as the Yamaha Speckled Trout Jackpot, the Synergy Laboratories King Mackerel Jackpot and the Raymarine Big Game Jackpot. Cash Prizes categories are available for several species. Visit [www.adsfr.com](http://www.adsfr.com) for details.

Swordfish has been added as a category for the 2021 rodeo with a minimum length of 50 inches measured from the lower jaw to the fork in the tail.

The grouper category will include yellowedge, gag and red grouper.

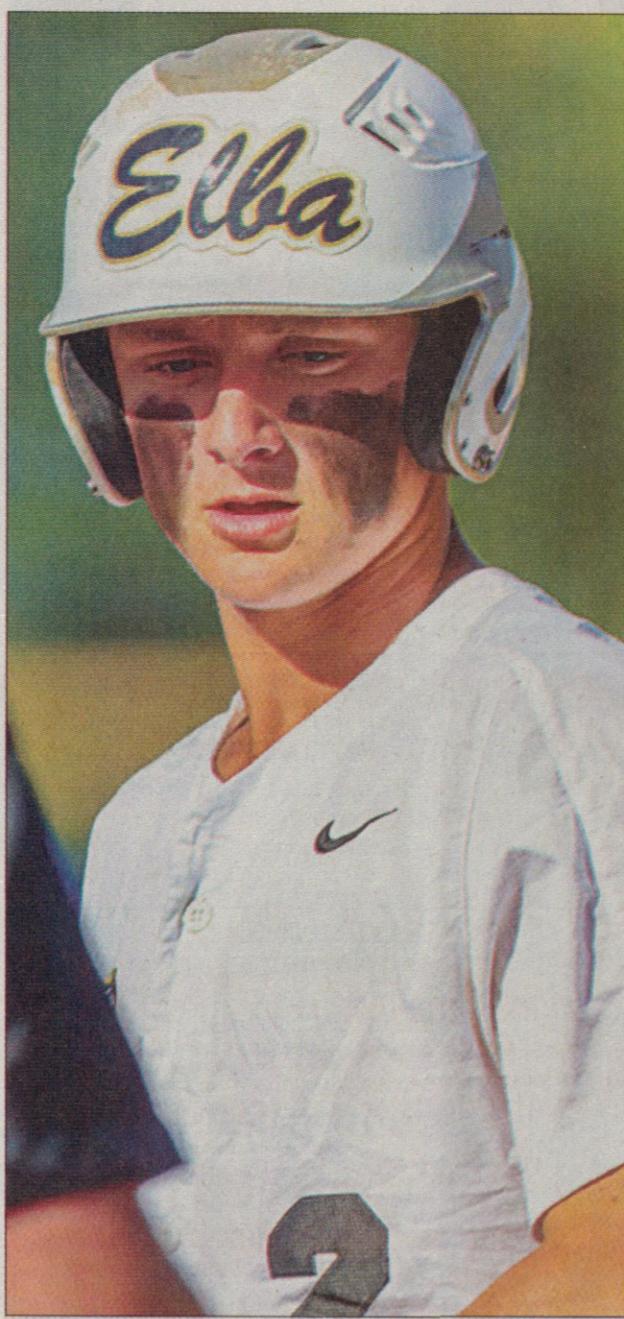
The speckled trout jackpot entries will be limited to fish in Alabama's speckled trout slot limit of 15 to 22 inches, measured with a pinched tail. A cash prizes lunker category is available in speckled trout with a minimum size of 26 inches, pinched tail.

In the live weigh-in category, the rodeo will have a "Race to 18" for anglers who weigh in a daily limit of six live speckled trout in the slot limit. The first angler who weighs in a three-day total of 18 live slot fish wins the prize.

The weekend preceding the big rodeo, the Jaycees will hold the annual Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament. The tournament begins at 5 a.m. on July 10, and the weigh station will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Roy Martin event is open to all anglers 15 years old and younger. The young anglers will be competing in 31 fish categories. All proceeds will benefit the Mobile Jaycees.

Fishing begins at 5 a.m. on Friday, July 16, with the traditional cannon blast. The weigh station will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The musical entertainment will start at 7:30 p.m. with The Molly Ringwalds. Mustache, The Band will

benefit the Mobile Jaycees.



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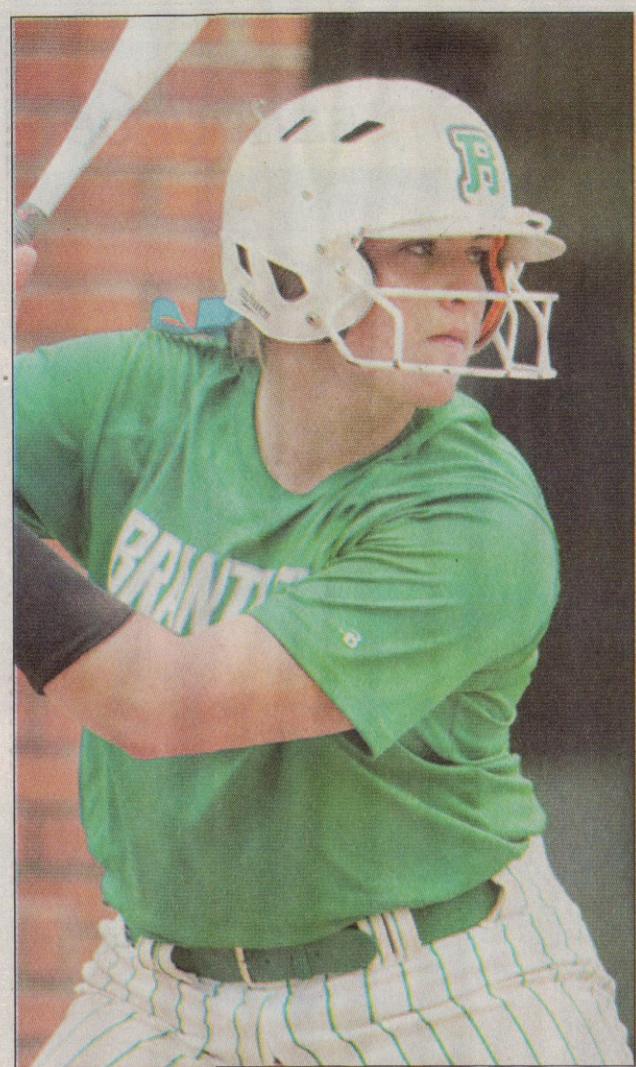
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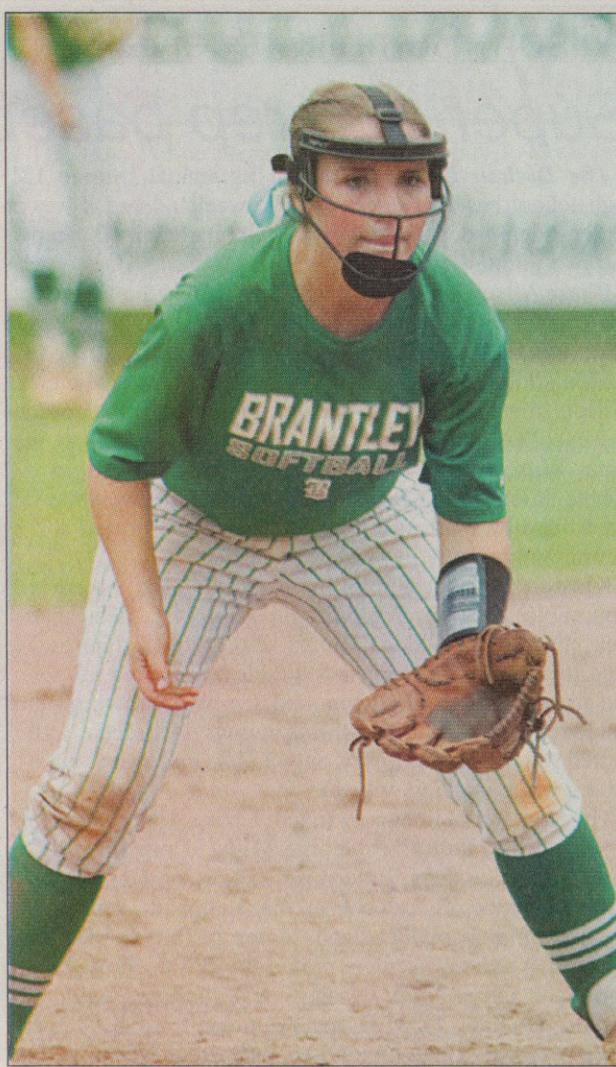
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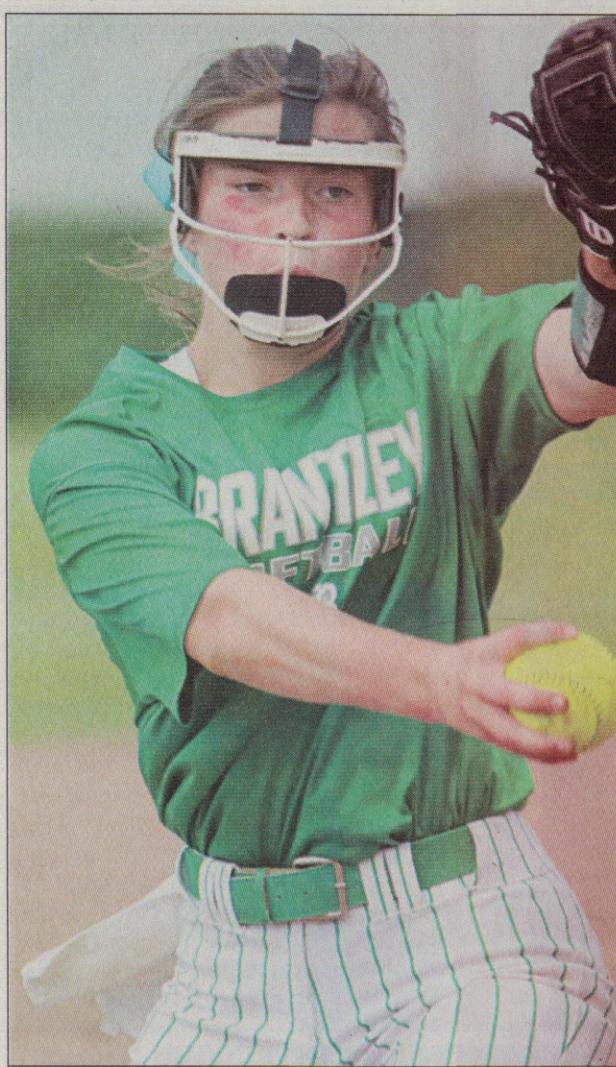
## SPORTS NEWS



KAYDEN DUNN



AINSLEY WATTS



KAYLEE NAVAREE

**Brantley dominates 'All-State' softball**

(Statistics by GameChanger)  
(Photos by Cody Nichols)

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 'All-State' high school softball selections last weekend with the state champion Brantley Lady Bulldogs dominating Class 1A with six selections, led by 'Pitcher of the Year' Kaylee Navaree and 'Player of the Year' and 'Hitter of the Year' Kayden Dunn.

Brantley players named 'All-State' included (1st Team) sophomore, pitcher, Kaylee Navaree; junior, infielder, Kayden Dunn; sophomore, designated hitter, Ainsley Watts; (2nd Team) sophomore, infielder, Campbell Hawthorne; junior, designated hitter, Sheonte Barginere; and, senior, outfielder, Elleigh Layton.

Navaree pitched 152 and 1/3 innings during the championship season and recorded 281 strikeouts, compared to only 53 walks. She posted a 1.93 earned run average, tossed seven shutouts and two no-hitters, and was named the state tournament MVP.

Dunn batted .595 during the season, including 13 doubles, 1 triple and 21 home runs, scored 54 runs, knocked in 65 runs and drew 27 walks.

Watts collected 66 hits during the season, including 18 doubles, 3 triples and 7 home runs, scored 49 runs and knocked in 54 runs.

Hawthorne had 58 hits during the state title season, including 10 doubles and 2 home runs, scored 58 runs, collected 30 RBI's, and was successful on 37 of 38 stolen base attempts.

Barginere had 36 hits during the season, including 8 doubles, 2 triples and 7 home runs, scored 51 runs, collected 37 RBI's and was successful on all 19 of her stolen base attempts.

Layton had 37 hits during the season, including 6 doubles, 2 triples and 6 home runs, scored 36 runs, had 35 RBI's, and was successful on all 13 of her stolen base attempts.

Area players that were named All-State included:  
Class 7A – (1st Team) Natalie Turner, senior, Dothan; Collier Peaden, senior, Dothan; (2nd Team) Nicole Turner, senior, Dothan; (HM) Georgia Lessman, sophomore, Enterprise.

Class 5A – (1st Team) Mackenzie Cain, junior, Charles Henderson; (2nd Team) Honor Slayback, senior, Rehobeth; Madison Stewart, junior, Charles Henderson.

Class 4A – (1st Team) Gracie Suggs, junior, Dale County; (2nd Team) Makaley Boswell, sophomore, Geneva; (HM) Savannah Money, sophomore, Ashford; Shelby Allen, senior, Dale County.

Class 3A – (1st Team) Kayson Beachum, sophomore, Houston Academy; Ashton White, junior, Wicksburg; Alexis Milanowski, junior, Houston Academy; (2nd Team) Braya Hodges, freshman, Opp; Ansleigh Smith, freshman, Houston Academy; Mattie Havas, senior, Houston Academy; (HM) Ciera Baker, freshman, Slocomb; Amaya Womack, freshman, Opp. Hitter of the Year – Jayson Beachum, Houston Academy.

Class 2A – (1st Team) Morgan Ferguson, senior, G.W. Long; (2nd Team) Ally Whitehead, freshman, G.W. Long; (HM) Makenna Long, junior, G.W. Long. Pitcher of the Year – Morgan Ferguson, G.W. Long.

Class 1A – (HM) Elizabeth Cross, sophomore, Red Level.



CAMPBELL HAWTHORNE

**Brantley's Dunn named to 'Super All-State' softball team**

(Statistics by GameChanger)

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 'Super All-State' softball team last week and included on the honored list was Brantley Lady Bulldog standout Kayden Dunn.

The statewide list included players from six 7A schools, two 6A schools, one 5A school, and Dunn, from 1A Brantley High School.

Dunn, a junior, infielder/catcher, has committed to Troy University and was named the 2021 1A 'Hitter of the Year' and a member of the 2021 'All-State' team. During the Lady Bulldogs run to the 1A state title this season, Dunn batted .504 with 21 home runs, 65 runs batted in, 13 doubles and stole 10 bases.

Other 'Super All-State' selections included Annabelle Widra, Spain park; McKenzie Newcomb, Hazel Green; Kenleigh Cahalan, Hewitt-Trussville; Alea Johnson, Fairhope; Anyce Harvey, Hewitt-Trussville; Rylee Gattis, Alexandria; Sara Beth Brake, Gardendale; Emma Rolfe, Bob Jones; and, Jenna Lord, Hewitt-Trussville.

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